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TITLE OF INVENTION: CODING OF STEREO SIGNALS

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed on 2/1/08.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,3,7-10,12-14,16-22.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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DETAILED ACTION

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 2/1/2008 has been entered.

Response to Remarks

2. Claims 6,18,19 were indicated as allowable subject matter in the previous rejection. The applicant amended the claims to include the indicated allowable subject matter. The examiner, upon further consideration, determined that an examiner's amendment was needed to place the claims in allowable form. The applicant agreed to the examiner's amendment.

3. Claims 2,5-6,11,15 are cancelled.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

4. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Dicran Halajian (Reg. No. 39,703) on 4/9/2008.

The claims are to be amended as follows:

Claim 4: Cancel.

Claim 1 is to be amended to recite:

1. A method of encoding a multichannel signal including at least a first signal component and a second signal component, the method comprising the acts of:

transforming at least the first and second signal components by a rotation into a principal signal including most of the signal energy and at least one residual signal including less energy than the principal signal, the rotation being parameterised by at least one angle of rotation, wherein said angle of rotation corresponds to a direction of high signal variance;

representing the multichannel signal at least by the principal signal, the angle of rotation and the at least one residual signal;

encoding the principal signal with a first bit rate; and

encoding the at least one residual signal with a second bit rate smaller than the first bit rate; and

adaptively determining the angle of rotation based on at least the first and second signal components.

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3.(Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the principal signal corresponds to a principal component of the first and second signal components.

Claim 8 is to be amended to recite:

8. The method according to claim 1, wherein

the method further comprises the act of estimating the at least one residual signal from the principal signal using a prediction filter corresponding to a set of filter parameters; and

the act of representing the multichannel signal at least by the principal signal and the angle of rotation comprises the act of representing the multichannel signal by the principal signal, the angle of rotation, and the set of filter parameters.

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Claim 10 is to be amended to recite:

10. A method of decoding multichannel signal information, the method comprising the acts of:

receiving a principal signal encoded with a first bit rate, at least one residual signal encoded with a second bit rate, and an angle of rotation, wherein the second bit rate is smaller than the first bit rate, the principal signal corresponding to a result of a rotation of at least a first and a second signal component of a multichannel source signal, the rotation being parameterised by at least the angle of rotation, wherein the angle of rotation corresponds to a direction of high signal variance and is adaptively determined based on at least the first and second signal components; and

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generating a first and a second decoded signal component by inversely transforming the received principal signal and the at least one residual signal.

Claim 12 is to be amended to recite:

12.(Currently Amended) The method according to claim 10, wherein the act of receiving the principal signal and the angle of rotation further comprises the act of receiving a set of filter parameters, and the method further comprises the act of predicting the at least one residual signal from the principal signal using a prediction filter corresponding to the received set of filter parameters.

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Claim 13 is to be amended to recite:

13. An arrangement for encoding a multichannel signal including at least a first signal component and a second signal component, the arrangement comprising:

first processing means adapted to transform at least the first and second signal components by a rotation into a principal signal including most of the signal energy and at least one residual signal including less energy than the principal signal, the rotation being parameterised by at least one angle of rotation, to encode the principal signal with a first bit rate; and to encode the at least one residual signal with a second bit rate smaller than the first bit rate; wherein the angle of rotation corresponds to a direction of high signal variance and is adaptively determined based on at least the first and second signal components; and

second processing means adapted to represent the multichannel signal at least by the principal signal, the angle of rotation and the at least one residual signal.

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Claim 14 is to be amended to recite:

14. An arrangement for decoding multichannel signal information, the arrangement comprising

receiving means for receiving a principal signal encoded with a first bit rate, at least one residual signal encoded with a second bit rate, and an angle of rotation, wherein the second bit rate is smaller than the first bit rate, the principal signal corresponding to a result of a rotation of a first and a second multichannel source signal, the rotation being parameterised by at least the angle of rotation, wherein the angle of rotation corresponds to a direction of high signal variance and is adaptively determined based on at least the first and second signal components; and

processing means for generating a first and a second multichannel signal by inversely transforming the received principal signal and a residual signal.

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Claim 16 is to be amended to recite:

16.(Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium comprising computer program code ~~for causing~~ executable by a computer to:

transform at least first and second signal components of a multichannel signal by a rotation into a principal signal including most of the signal energy and at least one residual signal including less energy than the principal signal, the rotation being parameterised by at least one angle of rotation, wherein the angle of rotation corresponds to a direction of high signal variance and is adaptively determined based on at least the first and second signal components;

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represent the multichannel signal at least by the principal signal, the angle of rotation and the at least one residual signal;

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encoding the principal signal with a first bit rate; and

encoding the at least one residual signal with a second bit rate smaller than the first bit rate.

Claim 17 is to be amended to recite:

17.(Currently Amended) A device for communicating a multichannel signal including at least a first signal component and a second signal component, the device comprising an arrangement for encoding the multichannel signal, the arrangement including

first processing means adapted to transform at least the first and second signal components by a rotation into a principal signal including most of the signal energy and at least one residual signal including less energy than the principal signal, the rotation being parameterised by at least one angle of rotation, wherein the angle of rotation corresponds to a direction of high signal variance and is adaptively determined based on at least the first and second signal components;

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second processing means adapted to represent the multichannel signal at least by the principal signal, the angle of rotation and the at least one residual signal;

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encoding the principal signal with a first bit rate; and

encoding the at least one residual signal with a second bit rate smaller than the first bit rate.

Claim 18 is to be amended to recite:

18. A method of encoding a multichannel signal including at least a first signal component and a second signal component, the method comprising the acts of:

transforming at least the first and second signal components by a rotation into a principal signal including most of the signal energy and at least one residual signal including less energy than the principal signal, the rotation being parameterized by at least one angle of rotation, wherein said angle of rotation corresponds to a direction of high signal variance;

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representing the multichannel signal at least by the principal signal, and the angle of rotation;

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adaptively determining the angle of rotation based on at least the first and second signal components; and

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controlling a prediction filter by an error signal indicative of a difference of the at least one residual signal and an estimate of the at least one residual signal.

Claim 20 is to be amended to recite:

20. An arrangement for encoding a multichannel signal including at least a first signal component and a second signal component, the arrangement comprising:

first processing means adapted to transform at least the first and second signal components by a rotation into a principal signal including most of the signal energy and at least one residual signal including less energy than the principal signal, the rotation being parameterized by at least one angle of rotation, wherein said angle of rotation corresponds to a direction of high signal variance, and to control a prediction filter by an error signal indicative of a difference of the at least one residual signal and an estimate of the at least one residual signal, wherein the angle of rotation is adaptively determined based on at least the first and second signal components; and

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second processing means adapted to represent the multichannel signal at least by the principal signal and the angle of rotation.

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Claim 21 is to be amended to recite:

21.(Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium comprising computer program code for causing executable by a computer to:

transform at least first and second signal components of a multichannel signal by a rotation into a principal signal including most of the signal energy and at least one residual signal including less energy than the principal signal, the rotation being parameterized by at least one angle of rotation, wherein the angle of rotation corresponds to a direction of high signal variance and is adaptively determined based on at least the first and second signal components;

represent the multichannel signal at least by the principal signal and the angle of rotation; and

control a prediction filter by an error signal indicative of a difference of the at least one residual signal and an estimate of the at least one residual signal.

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Claim 22 is to be amended to recite:

22.(Currently Amended) A device for communicating a multichannel signal including at least a first signal component and a second signal component, the device comprising an arrangement for encoding the multichannel signal, the arrangement including

first processing means adapted to transform at least the first and second signal components by a rotation into a principal signal including most of the signal energy and at least one residual signal including less energy than the principal signal, the rotation being parameterized by at least one angle of rotation, and to control a prediction filter by an error signal indicative of a difference of the at least one residual signal and an estimate of the at least one residual signal, wherein the angle of rotation corresponds to a direction of high signal variance and is adaptively determined based on at least the first and second signal components; and

second processing means adapted to represent the multichannel signal at least by the principal signal and the angle of rotation.

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5. Claims 1,3,7-10,12-14,16-22 are allowed.

6. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Regarding claims 1,10,13,14,16-22, prior art Loughlin (US 4,589,127) discloses a method of encoding (Figure 3 reads on an arrangement and device for encoding of claims 13 and 17) a multichannel signal including at least a first signal component and a second signal component, the method comprising the steps of transforming at least the first and second signal components by a predetermined transformation into a principal signal including most of the signal energy and at least one residual signal including less energy than the principal signal (Figure 3; column 4, line 66-column 7, line 65; 10 or 12 of Figure 3 first reads on the first processing means adapted to transform at least the first and second signal of claims 13 and 17),the predetermined transformation being parameterized by at least one transformation parameter; and representing the multichannel signal at least by the principal signal and the transformation parameter (Figure 3; column 4, line 66-column 7, line 65; 22 transmitter reads on second processing means adapted to represent the multichannel signal of claims 13 and 17). Prior art Davis et al. (US 5,291,557) discloses using adaptive processing while encoding a multichannel signal (column 6, lines 29-65). Prior art Gerzon (US 5,671,287) discloses a stereophonic signal processor. Prior art Handel et al. (US 6,430,295) discloses methods and apparatus for measuring signal level and delay at multiple sensors including controlling a prediction filter by an error signal indicative of a difference of a signal and an estimate of said signal. Prior art Herre (US 5,812,971)

discloses enhanced joint stereo coding method using temporal envelope shaping.

Generally encoding and decoding methods are known in the art.

Regarding claims 1,10,13,14,16,17,18,20-22 the prior art or combination thereof fails to disclose or make obvious encoding the principal signal with a first bit rate and encoding the at least one residual signal with a second bit rate smaller than the first bit rate; the rotation being parameterised by at least one angle of rotation, wherein said angle of rotation corresponds to a direction of high signal variance and adaptively determining the angle of rotation based on at least the first and second signal components.

Therefore the prior art fails to disclose or make obvious a method of encoding a multichannel signal, a method of decoding a multichannel signal, an arrangement for encoding a multichannel signal, an arrangement for decoding multichannel signal information,, a device for communication a multichannel signal as claimed.

Claims 3,7-9,12,19 are allowed due to dependency on claims 1,11 and 18.

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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DEVONA E. FAULK whose telephone number is (571)272-7515. The examiner can normally be reached on 8 am - 5 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vivian Chin can be reached on 571-272-7848. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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